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BELGRADE FOR CSCE DELEGATION

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SUBJ: POLISH VIEWS ON THE BELGRADE CSCE CONFERENCE

1. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN TRYBUNA LUDU, JANUARY 9, MARIAN DOBROSIELSKI, HEAD OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE BELGRADE CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE, APPRAISES THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE TO DATE. MOST OF THE POINTS HE MAKES FOLLOW STANDARD EASTERN EUROPEAN LINES. FOR EXAMPLE, HE STRESSES THE EQUAL IMPORTANCE OF EACH OF THE TEN PRINCIPLES IN THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE FINAL ACT AND THE GROWING RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MILITARY DETENTE AS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OF DETENTE IN GENERAL.

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2. DOBROSIELSKI LEVELS AN UNUSUALLY HARSH ATTACK AGAINST SO-CALLED OPPONENTS OF DETENTE: "IT (THE QUEST FOR DETENTE), IS, IN ESSENCE, A CONSTANT STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FORCES IN THE IMPERIALIST WORLD WHICH OPPOSE DETENTE...SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL ACT, THESE FORCES HAVE ACTIVATED THEIR ATTACKS ON SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, USING SLOGANS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE FORGETTING ABOUT THEIR OWN RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WE BECAME AWARE OF THIS TACTIC IN BELGRADE, WHERE

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SOME WESTERN DELEGATES TRY TO TREAT THE SEVENTH PRINCIPLE -- THAT CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS -- AS THE PRIMARY AND ONLY IMPORTANT ONE AND PUSH THE OTHER PRINCIPLES INTO THE SHADOWS. WE WERE CONFRONTED WITH SIMILAR TACTICS IN THE AREA OF THE THIRD BASKET IN HELSINKI. SOME WESTERN DELEGATES TRIED TO OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WITH THEIR GUERILLA WARFARE BASED UPON HIGHLY SELECTIVE QUESTIONS CONNECTED BRIEFLY WITH EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTACTS. THAT ACTION IS CONDUCTED DEMAGOGICALLY AND IS CONTRARY TO THE FACTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE UNILATERAL VISA SIMPLIFICATION INTRODUCED BY POLAND HAS NOT MET WITH RECIPROCITY FROM THOSE WHO SHOUT MOST LOUDLY ABOUT THE EXPANSION OF CONTACTS. MOREOVER, THOSE ACTIONS AWAKEN THE OPPOSITION NOT ONLY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THE MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS WANT A SERIOUS DIALOGUE IN BELGRADE AND NOT CONFRONTATION OR WAR PROPAGANDA".

3. COMMENT: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES PRESUMABLY ARE INCLUDED AMONG THE TARGETS OF THIS BROADSIDE. POLISH EDITORIAL COMMENTATORS HAVE GRUMBLED BEFORE ABOUT WESTERN EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT DOBROSIELSKI HIMSELF NOW TAKES UP THE CUDGELS IN A PRESS INTERVIEW MAY MARK THE OPENING OF AN EASTERN COUNTER-OFFENSIVE AS PHASE TWO OF THE CONFERENCE APPROACHES. END COMMENT.

DAVIES

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